

3. Approval of the Plan would not result in any cumulative or growth inducing impacts and, therefore, would not result in significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

4. The project does not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, nor does it threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

5. Approval of the Plan would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

The Service has therefore determined that approval of the Plan qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). No further National Environmental Policy Act documentation will therefore be prepared.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. The Service will evaluate the permit application, the Plan, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that those requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the giant garter snake during the District's canal relocation project. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Public Involvement Opportunities for the Modification of the Habitat Conservation Plan on Lands Administered by Plum Creek Timber Company in the State of Washington

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service

(hereinafter "the Services") will conduct meetings with the U.S. Forest Service regarding the potential land exchange in the Interstate-90 corridor of Washington. The U.S. Forest Service will address the potential land exchange, and the Services will provide information and receive comments or questions regarding a potential modification to the Plum Creek Timber Company's Habitat Conservation Plan. On June 27, 1996, Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., was issued Permit PRT-808398 which authorizes the take of federally listed species, under the provisions of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act. If the proposed land exchange takes place, Plum Creek Timber Company would likely request to amend their Habitat Conservation Plan to reflect the change in land base.

DATES: Public meetings will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on May 13, 14, 20, and 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Public meetings will be held at the following locations: May 13, Hal Holmes Community Center, 201 North Ruby, Ellensburg, Washington; May 14, Cavanaugh's at Yakima Center, 607 East Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington; May 20, Mount Si High School, 8651 Meadow Brook Way, S.E., Snoqualmie, Washington; May 21, Cowlitz Valley Ranger Station, 10024 U.S. Highway 12, Randle, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Vogel, Wildlife Biologist, Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 510 Desmond Drive, Suite 101, Lacey, Washington 98503, (360) 753-4367; or Matt Longenbaugh, Fishery Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, at the same address.

Interested parties may contact the Services at the address listed above to receive additional information, including a map for the public meeting location.

Dated: April 29, 1998.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988,

Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Pala Band of Mission Indians which was executed on March 6, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective May 5, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Pierskalla, Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: April 25, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of BLM-administered public lands near Blythe, California on Thursday, June 11, 1998, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and meet in formal session on Friday, June 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, June 13 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Friday and Saturday public meetings will be held in the Blythe City Council Chambers, located at 220 North Spring Street, Blythe, California.

The Council and members of the public will assemble for the field tour at The Hampton Inn parking lot at 7:15 a.m., and depart at 7:30 a.m. The Hampton Inn is located at 9000 West Hubson Way, Blythe, California. The tour will focus on the southeastern portion of the proposed Chuckwalla Desert Wildlife Management Area within the Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert (NECO) Coordinated Management Planning Area. Presentations will include discussions on routes of travel, checkerboard land ownership, recreation, and plant and wildlife biological values.

The public is welcome to participate in the field tour, but should dress